

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Frances Gail Sears of Kerrville, who passed away on December 31,
4 2010, at the age of 75; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Gail Sears was born on
6 November 12, 1935, to Frances and Hugh McWilliams; she graduated
7 from Tivy High School and majored in drama at The University of
8 Texas at Austin, where she met her husband, Michael Edwin Sears; the
9 couple shared 54 years together and were blessed with two
10 daughters, Kathy and Kari; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sears was active in her children's education
12 and dedicated to improving life for area youth; in addition to
13 serving as president of the Notre Dame Catholic School Board, she
14 was a valued member of the PTA, and she volunteered to drive a bus so
15 that West Kerr County students could attend school in Kerrville;
16 she also helped to found the Community Service Council, a group that
17 teaches dance and drama to disadvantaged children, and served as a
18 liaison for the March of Dimes, driving her own car to transport
19 young patients and their parents to San Antonio; and

20 WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, Mrs. Sears began teaching an
21 exercise class for her friends at Holy Cross Lutheran Church;
22 discovering a passion for health and fitness, she went on to found
23 Gail's Aerobic Lifestyle, offering classes at the Municipal
24 Auditorium; she later opened her own storefront, the Center for

1 Fitness, or "Gail's Place," as it was known by many, which was
2 expanded to include another location in 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sears earned certifications from the Cooper
4 Institute, American Council on Exercise, and Ron Fletcher Program
5 of Study for Pilates; known for her expertise and enthusiasm, she
6 developed workout programs for employees at local businesses and
7 conducted seminars for area firefighters and law enforcement
8 officers; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the years, she was awarded a number of
10 accolades for her efforts to enrich her community, including the
11 titles of Woman of the Year from the Kerr County Women's Chamber of
12 Commerce and Hill Country Life Treasure from the *Kerrville Daily*
13 *Times*; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sears treasured her faith and served the Rite
15 of Christian Initiation of Adults as a lector, sponsor, and choir
16 member; she also shared her time with the Catholic Youth
17 Organization and Marriage Encounter, participated in liturgical
18 dance, and taught Sunday school; in her free time, she enjoyed
19 gardening and painting as well as making props, sewing costumes,
20 and acting in performances produced by the Hill Country Arts
21 Foundation; and

22 WHEREAS, Although the death of Gail Sears has brought great
23 sorrow to those who loved her, she demonstrated what a positive
24 difference one committed individual can make in the lives of
25 others, and she will long be remembered with deep admiration and
26 affection; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frances Gail Sears
2 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her
3 husband, Eddie Sears; to her daughters, Kathy Hall and her husband,
4 Charles, and Kari Morrison and her husband, Robert; to her
5 grandsons, Townsend and Raleigh Morrison; to her sisters, Sandra
6 Hunt and her husband, Jim, and Karen Raymond; and to her other
7 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frances
11 Gail Sears.

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H.R. No. 330

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 330 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House